

THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sunday 8/23

12:00 pm NEXT Phase II Groundbreaking (Followed by Picnic)

Monday 8/24

6:00 pm 20s/30s Group Mtg & Study (Great Room)

Tuesday 8/25

5:45 am Fitness at First Exercise Class (Rm 122) *All Welcome!*

Wednesday 8/26

10:30 am Ministry to Mature (Conference Room)

Thursday 8/27

5:45 am Fitness at First Exercise Class (Rm 122) *All Welcome!*

6:30 am (Barr) Men's Bible Study (Conference Room)

Friday 8/28

7:00 pm First LSA H.S. Football Home Game (@LSA)

Saturday 8/29 Message: "Preparing for Change: Forever"

8:30 am LCMS-LERT Training Event (@LSA)

9:00 am Mommy & Me: Pray-Play-Connect (Room 122)

9:00 am Football & Fellowship for Men (SPL South Lawn)

4:00 pm SPL Praise Team Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

4:30 pm SHiNe Praise Team Rehearsal (Great Room)

6:00 pm Contemporary Worship

Sunday 8/30 Message: "Preparing for Change: Forever"

8:00 am Traditional Worship

9:20 am Education Time - *Get Connected with Edu. Opportunities!*

10:30 am Contemporary Worship

2:00 pm LSA Teacher Installation Service (SPL Sanctuary)

Get Connected...Opportunities for Men at SPL

-Come for a time of Football & Fellowship from 9:00-10:30am on Saturday, August 29th (SPL South Lawn).

-33 The Series: A Man and His Marriage meets Sundays at 9:20am in the Church Office (Rm. 103). Led by Josh Hammer & John Maas.

We Worship...

Last Week in Worship: 657

4 Week Avg. Regular Attendance: 721

...Better Together!

UPCOMING EVENTS AT ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

September 9th Registration available online next week!

F3: Family-Faith-Formation Fall Session Begins (6:30pm)

September 10th Contact Linda Ippel for info (linda@spldecat.org)

Regular Adult Choir Rehearsals Resume (@SPL Sanctuary)

September 12th Tickets available NOW \$35.00 @SPL

Beth Moore Living Proof Live Simulcast Event (@SPL)

September 12th/13th Learn more at RFDDecatur.com

Room for Doubt message series begins

September 19th

CICIM 7th Annual Golf Scramble (1:00pm @Moweaqua G.C.)

September 19th-20th Sign-ups begin next weekend (Aug. 29/30)!

Dads-Grandpas-Kids Campout @Camp CILCA

September 21st

Annual LSA Golf Outing (11:30am @Country Club of Decatur)

September 22nd

Women's Fall Fellowship Event (6:00pm @Garner Park)

September 25th

Camp CILCA Golf Outing (12:30pm @The Rail, Springfield)

October 9th

Homecoming at LSA (Homecoming Assembly 2:00pm @LSA)

October 10th & 11th

Flu Shot Clinic (5:30pm on 10/10, 9:20am on 10/11 @SPL)

October 17th Tickets available spldecat.org - Buy early & save!

For Couples: Family Life "I Still Do" Event (@SPL)

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6:00 PM & 10:30 AM WORSHIP
AUGUST 22 & 23, 2015

Pastor Wray Offermann
Pastor Doug Bender



"AND I TELL YOU THAT YOU ARE PETER,
AND ON THIS ROCK
I WILL BUILD MY CHURCH..."

MATTHEW 16:18

Thoughts Before Worship

In a changing world, God is faithful. His Word remains though all else fails. Pray to the Lord, that He may help you hold strongly to His Truth. Ask Him to create change in you that will glorify Him, and for Him to help you to live out that change wherever you may go in this world. *Be Changed...Be the Change.*

Call to Worship

Father of Lights

Welcome

Invocation

Opening Praise

There Is A Kingdom

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 26:1-4

Lead Me to the Rock

Message

"Preparing for Change: Foundation"
Matthew 16: 16-19



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BUILD THE HOME, CHANGE THE WORLD.

Offering God Our Gifts

Our offerings, gifts and tithes are returned to Jesus in response to His sacrificial love for us. During the offering time, please complete one of the worship cards found in the pew in front of you and pass it to the center aisle.

Thrive

Confession of Sins

- Am I building all my life on Jesus?
- When storms come, am I holding fast?
- Do I claim His strength even in my weakness?
- Am I helping others build on the strength of my confession?

Words of Institution

Celebrating the Lord's Supper

If you have not communed with us before, please read "Our Belief: Receiving the Lord's Supper" located on the following page. We encourage families to commune together. Prayer ministers are available at the front and back of the sanctuary to pray with you during this time.

Communion

Remember

Speak O Lord

Prayers of the Church

A handout of this week's prayer concerns is available at the back of the sanctuary for those who would continue to pray about these concerns.

The Lord's Prayer

Blessing

Closing Song

Build Your Kingdom Here

Celebrate with Us!

NEXT Phase II Projects Groundbreaking 8/23 at 12:00pm
(At South East Entrance - Following 10:30am worship)

Church Picnic and Family Fest
(South Lawn - 8/23 following Groundbreaking)

Have Donations for Decatur Kids Bags of Hope?
*Bring your items to the designated drop off locations.
Thank you for your support of this ministry!*

LIVING PROOF LIVE SIMULCAST EVENT @SPL

COMING SOON!! SPL Women's Ministry is sponsoring the Living Proof Live Simulcast Event with Beth Moore HERE at St. Paul's on Saturday, September 12th. Doors open 7:30am, breakfast served til 9am, event begins 9:30am (til 4:15pm). Get your TICKETS now for \$35.00/ea. *An event you can't miss!!* Watch the St. Paul's Facebook page for a special LPL contest.

Flowers on the Altar

Flowers on the Altar are to the glory of God and in celebration of twenty nine years of marriage for Joe and Lisa Lee.

Our Belief: Receiving the Lord's Supper

The Apostle Paul wrote, "A man ought to examine himself before he eats of the bread and drinks of the cup." (1 Corinthians 11:28) In order to examine yourself before attending the Lord's Supper, when offered, ask yourself the following questions:

1. Do I believe I am a sinner, and am I sorry for my sins?
2. Do I believe Jesus, by His death, offers me forgiveness for all my sins?
3. Do I believe I receive the body and blood of Jesus in and with the bread and wine? *(They are not merely symbolically present.)*
4. Do I truly desire to turn from my sinful ways?

If you are able to answer "yes" to these questions, we invite you to join us for the Lord's Supper, when offered. Children and adults who cannot answer affirmatively are invited and encouraged to come forward for a blessing but should refrain from receiving the bread and wine.*

**For those who are unable, or prefer not to consume wine, cups with white grape juice are located in the center of the communion trays.*

MESSAGE NOTES

"Preparing for Change: Foundation"

Community Life Discussion Questions are available along with the weekly Prayer Concerns at the back of the sanctuary.

SEASON OF CHANGE - WELCOME BACK!

This weekend, August 22 & 23, we begin a new year of worship under the banner of "Be Changed...Be the Change". This is the time where our children and youth will officially "move up" into their next level of learning and classes in SHiNe Children's Ministry and THRIVE Youth Ministry offerings. A time to celebrate!

Get connected at SPL through Sunday Education Classes, including Pastor's Class: Book of Acts (Great Room), 33 The Series: A Man and His Marriage (Church Office), God's Word for Today (Conference Room), We Share Christ's Love WSCL (Room 213), and additional classes for children and youth (nursery available also). Class locations and maps are posted throughout the halls and are available at the Welcome Center.

F3: Family-Faith-Formation Fall Session 2015

Begins Wednesday, September 9th - Dinner 5:30pm / Classes 6:30pm

CHILDREN'S & YOUTH MINISTRY CORNER

Follow @SHiNeSPL
Children's Ministry: SHiNe with us on Sundays at 9:20am (Saturday 6:15pm) for children's education time. PreK-K meet in 206. 1st-4th Gr. meet in 203 to start. Gr. 5/6 meet in the Choir Room. F3 classes will begin on Wednesday 9/9 at 6:30pm (Room 122).

BUILDING BLOCKS: Class for Parents/Caretakers and Babies to 3 year olds on Sundays at 9:20am in Room 211. Contact Jennifer Power at 423-6955 or jennifer@spldecatur.org for info.

Youth Ministry: THRIVE Senior High Youth and Grade 7/8 Sundays at 9:20am (214B) (pastordoug@spldecatur.org). Confirmation classes resume on September 6th (Room 122) & 9th (Great Rm).

F3 Wednesdays: Classes begin September 9th at 6:30pm. Confirmation for Gr. 7-8 with Pastor Doug (Great Room) and "They're Christian??" led by Jim Minton for Gr. 9-12 (Room 214).